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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Thomas J. Bachinski et al.

Application No. : 09/406,575 Confirmation No. : 1763

Filed : September 24, 1999

For : MEDICAL GRAFTING CONNECTORS AND
FASTENERS

Group Art Unit : 3738

Examiner : Paul B. Prebilic

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [X] a Notice of Appeal; [X]
a Supplemental Communication Regarding Applicants'
Notification Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.604(b) Identifying
Published Patent Applications From Which Claims Have Been
Copied; to be filed in the above-identified patent
application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

[X] A fee for additional claims is not required.

[] A fee for additional claims is required.

The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEES
Total Claims	366	399*		X \$ 18 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	22	25**		X \$ 86 =	\$0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$290 =	\$0.00
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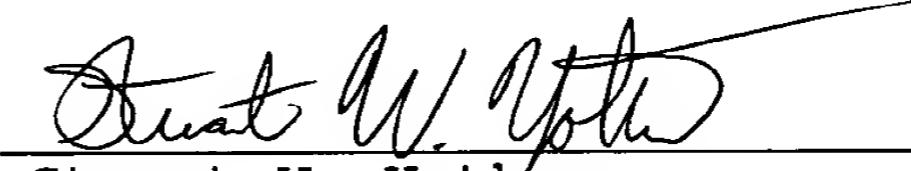
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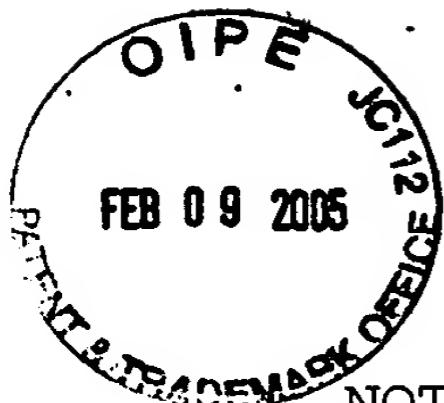
- [X] The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; [X] \$120.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$450.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1,020.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$1,590.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [] \$2,160.00 within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals
from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed
October 8, 2004 in which the rejection of claims 44-75,
87, 89-94, and 144-147 was made final.

- [] Applicants respectfully request an oral hearing
before the Board of Appeals. The appropriate fee is
submitted herewith.
- [X] An additional one-month extension of time to respond
to the final rejection is requested and the
appropriate extension fee is submitted herewith.
- [X] Address all correspondence to:

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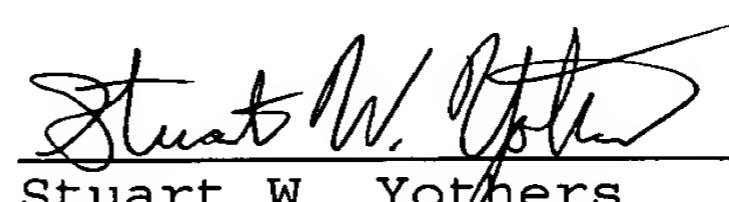
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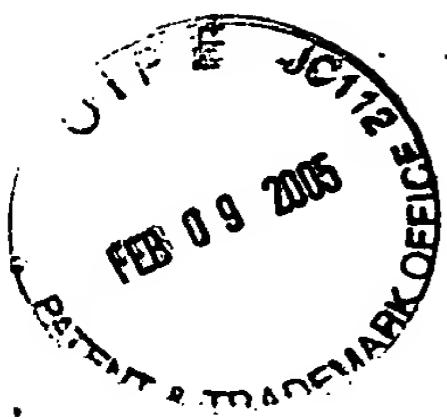
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SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION REGARDING APPLICANTS'
NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b)
IDENTIFYING PUBLISHED PATENT APPLICATIONS FROM
WHICH CLAIMS HAVE BEEN COPIED

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b), applicants have presented claims known to define the same patentable invention claimed in a pending application of another, and applicants hereby identify the U.S. patent application publications corresponding to the international applications from which the claims have been copied.

Applicants' Int'l Claim No.	Pub. No.	U.S. Pub. No.	Pub. Int'l Claim No.	Pub. US Claim No.
25	WO 01/70091	US 2004/0097973	16	16
26	WO 01/70091	US 2004/0097973	53+57	53+57
27	WO 01/70118	US 2003/0060876	1+6	1+6
28	WO 01/70118	US 2003/0060876	1+8	1+8
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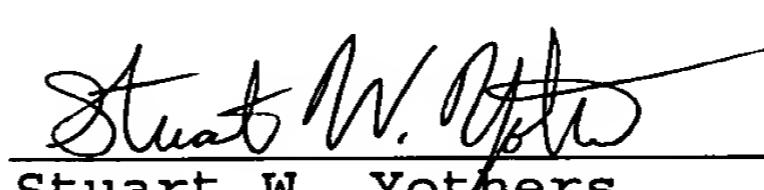
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147	WO 02/30172	US 2004/0092975	5	5

Consideration of the foregoing is hereby
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